

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: NOVEL TRICYCLIC COMPOUNDS USEFUL
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
INFLAMMATORY AND ALLERGIC
DISORDERS: PROCESS FOR THEIR
PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM

Examiner: Y. L. Chu

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time and the required fee are submitted herewith to extend the period to respond to the Office Action to December 21, 2006. It is believed that no additional fees are required for these submissions. However, should any additional fee be required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee up to \$2,000 to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.